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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: NWMP-II Intelligence Working Group Report

1. NSA has reviewed the draft report of the Intelligence Working Group (IWG) as requested at the 11 July Executive Steering Group meeting. Additionally, the chairman of the IWG briefed the DIR/NSA and other senior NSA officials recently on the study methodology, conclusions, and recommendations. Our comments arise both from the internal review and as a result of the senior-level briefing.

2. The efforts of the IWG to date are to be highly complimented in view of the extreme difficulty of developing and analyzing the wealth of information required to meet the study objectives. We believe that significant progress has been made to date, and expect continued improvements as you continue to build on the data base developed thus far. We do, however, have some concerns.

3. We fully support that portion of Recommendation 4 which calls for a further refinement of requirements. We continue to believe that the requirements, as addressed in the study, are far greater than what is affordable. As a consequence, the budget will not be able to sustain specific recommendations on improved capabilities unless very important program initiatives currently funded are deleted.

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5. We feel strongly that the report should address and refer to SIGINT, rather than make separate COMINT and ELINT distinctions. It is important to consider the total SIGINT system and process, including requirements and capabilities.


6. As noted at the 11 July meeting by RADM Burkhalter, cost estimates provided in the report, undoubtedly, will require much better definition. Request that all costing data developed with respect to the particular SIGINT proposals be coordinated with the DIR/NSA as the SIGINT Program Manager.

7. The IWG report recommends that a significant number of additional follow-on studies be performed. Many of these would appear to involve NSA participation.

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8. Additional comments to provide clarification and accuracy have been separately provided to the IWG.

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